

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5027–S5078

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3229–3240, and S. Res. 576–580. **Page S5066**

Measures Passed:

Microloan Modernization Act: Senate passed S. 526, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5072–73**

Rounds (for Risch) Amendment No. 3397, to strike section 4. **Page S5073**

Small Business Innovation Protection Act: Senate passed S. 791, to amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses. **Pages S073–74**

White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act: Senate passed S. 2850, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5074**

Rounds (for Flake) Amendment No. 3398, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5074**

Bounds Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S5045–59**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 161), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5044–45**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 19, 2018; and that all time in recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count against post-cloture time. **Page S5074**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 160), Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S5027–44, S5078**
1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. **Pages S5072, S5078**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

Lane Genatowski, of New York, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

David Hale, of New Jersey, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs).

Kip Tom, of Indiana, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Donald Y. Yamamoto, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Charles Wickser Banta, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Michelle Itczak, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2020.

Barbara Coleen Long, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Carleton Varney, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Richard S. Tischner, of Virginia, to be Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia for a term of six years.

Donald L. Palmer, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2021.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S5075–78**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—161)	Pages S5044–45

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5074.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SHARKS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine sharks, after receiving testimony from Alistair Dove, Georgia Aquarium, Atlanta; Amy Kukulya, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts; Cheryl Ann Denesha Wilga, University of Alaska, Anchorage; and Robert E. Hueter, Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, Florida.

TRADE AND COMMERCE AT U.S. PORTS OF ENTRY

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine trade and commerce at United States ports of entry, after receiving testimony from Kevin K. McAleenan, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Mayor Pete Saenz, Laredo, Texas, on behalf of the Texas Border Coalition; Sergio Contreras, Rio Grande Valley Partnership, Weslaco, Texas, on behalf of the Border Trade Alliance; Kurt Nagle, American Association of Port Authorities, Alexandria, Virginia; and Mary Ann Bucci, Port of Pittsburgh Commission, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian J. Bulatao, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary (Management), who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, and Denise Natali, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant

Secretary (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ADMINISTRATION'S GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's government reorganization proposal, after receiving testimony from Margaret Weichert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2154, to approve the Kickapoo Tribe Water Rights Settlement Agreement, S. 3060, to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands, and S. 3168, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make Reclamation Water Settlements Fund permanent, after receiving testimony from Alan Mikkelsen, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior for Water and Western Resource Issues, and Chair, Working Group on Indian Water Settlements; John E. Tubbs, State of Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Director, Helena; Lester Randall, Kickapoo Tribe, Horton, Kansas; and Harry Pickernell, Sr., Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, Oakville, Washington.

FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN DNA ANALYSIS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting justice for victims of crime, focusing on the Federal investment in DNA analysis, including S. 2577, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, S. 2345, to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide additional resources to State and local prosecutors, and S. 2266, to authorize the Office on Violence Against Women to improve the handling of crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by incorporating a trauma-informed approach into the initial response to and investigation of such crimes, after receiving testimony from Gerald M. LaPorte, Director, Office of Investigative and Forensic Sciences, National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Gretta L. Goodwin, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Debbie Smith, H-E-A-R-T, Williamsburg, Virginia; Matthew J. Gamette, Idaho State Police Forensic Services, Garner, North Carolina, on behalf of the Association of

Crime Lab Directors; and Penny Young Nance, Concerned Women for America, Washington, D.C.

ECONOMIC STABILITY AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine supporting economic stability and self-sufficiency as Americans with disabilities

and their families age, after receiving testimony from Jack Stollsteimer, Deputy Treasurer of Pennsylvania for Consumer Programs, Harrisburg; Kelly Nye-Lengerman, University of Minnesota Institute on Community Integration, Minneapolis; Edward Mitchell, Jackson Area Center for Independent Living, Jackson, Tennessee; and Benjamin Wright, Wilmington, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 6414–6436; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1003 were introduced. **Pages H6556–58**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6558–59**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 982, resolution of inquiry requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to transmit, respectively, certain information to the House of Representatives referring to the separation of children from their parents or guardians as a result of the President's "zero tolerance" policy (H. Rept. 115–835);

H.R. 2345, to require the Federal Communications Commission to study the feasibility of designating a simple, easy-to-remember dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–836);

H.R. 4881, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force for meeting the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture in the United States, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–837);

H.R. 3916, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to vest in the Secretary of the Interior functions under that Act with respect to species of fish that spawn in fresh or estuarine waters and migrate to ocean waters, and species of fish that spawn in ocean waters and migrate to fresh water, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–838);

H.R. 577, to designate a peak in the State of Nevada as Maude Frazier Mountain (H. Rept. 115–839);

H.R. 3045, to amend the National Trails System Act to extend the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–840);

H.R. 3994, to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–841);

H.R. 4606, to provide that applications under the Natural Gas Act for the importation or exportation of small volumes of natural gas shall be granted without modification or delay, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–842); and

H.R. 5709, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for enhanced penalties for pirate radio, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–843). **Page H6556**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6467**

Recess: The House recessed at 11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6474**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Chaplain John L. Vernon, Jr., High Point Police Department, High Point, North Carolina. **Page H6474**

Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed by unanimous consent to disagree to the Senate amendment and request a conference on H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023. **Pages H6493–95**

Agreed to the Peterson motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 336. **Pages H6493–95**

Later, the Chair appointed the following conferees:

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Conaway, Thompson of Pennsylvania, Goodlatte, Lucas, Rogers of Alabama, Austin Scott of Georgia, Crawford, Hartzler, Rodney Davis of Illinois, Yoho, Rouzer, Marshall, Arrington, Peterson, David Scott of Georgia, Costa, Walz, Fudge,

McGovern, Vela, Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Kuster of New Hampshire, and O'Halleran.

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From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 4204, 4205, and 9131 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Foxx, Allen, and Adams.

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From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of subtitles A and B of title VI, secs. 6202, 6203, 6401, 6406, 6407, 6409, 6603, 7301, 7605, 8106, 8507, 9119, 9121, and 11101 of the House bill, and secs. 6116, 6117, 6202, 6206–09, 6301, 6303, 7412, 9102, 9104, 9106, 9111–13, 12408, 12627, and 12628 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shimkus, Cramer, and Tonko.

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From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sec. 12609 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hensarling, Duffy, and Maxine Waters of California.

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From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of title III of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Royce of California, Chabot, and Engel.

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From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 2802, 6408, 8104, 8107, 8109, subtitles B and C of title VIII, 8402, 8502, 8503, 8506, 8507, 8509, 8510, 9111, 11614, and 11615 of the House bill, and sec. 2425, subtitle D of title VIII, secs. 8601, 8611, 8621–28, 8631, 8632, 12515, 12601, and 12602 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bishop of Utah, Westerman, and Grijalva.

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From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 1601, 4022, 4026, 8502, and 11609 of the House bill, and secs. 3113, 7128, 8623, 8630, 8632, 12301, and 12407 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Walker, Comer, and Plaskett.

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From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of sec. 7509 of the House bill, and sec. 7409 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Abraham, Dunn, and Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas.

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From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 2404, 6223, 6224, 6503, 9117, and 9118 of the House bill, and secs. 2415, 2416, 6124, 6304, and 7412 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to

conference: Representatives Denham, Gibbs, and Bustos.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Supporting the officers and personnel who carry out the important mission of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement: H. Res. 990, amended, supporting the officers and personnel who carry out the important mission of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 244 yeas to 35 nays with 133 answering "present", Roll No. 337.

Pages H6486–93, H6495

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, July 17th.

Authorizing the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs: H.R. 1037, amended, to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 338.

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Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 1001, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 119) expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy, by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 340, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 339.

Pages H6478–86, H6496–97

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019: The House continued consideration of H.R. 6147, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Consideration began yesterday, July 17th.

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Agreed to:

O'Halleran amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that was debated on July 17th that moves \$3,000,000 from the Office of the Special Trustee to the Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation (by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 196 noes, Roll No. 343);

Pages H6499–H6500

Moore amendment (No. 42 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that bars the use of funds to reorganize or eliminate the Great Lakes Advisory Board;

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Moore amendment (No. 45 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that maintains FY 2018 funding for an authorized program to address lead in drinking water; **Pages H6504–05**

Loudermilk amendment (No. 47 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prohibits funds from being used to regulate trailers under the Clean Air Act; **Pages H6506–07**

Byrne amendment (No. 52 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prevents the re-purposing of Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act funds; **Page H6511**

Burgess amendment (No. 53 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that places a funding limitation on the EPA's ability to utilize the Title 42 special pay authority; **Pages H6511–12**

Young (AK) amendment (No. 58 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prevents funds from being used to change existing placer mining plan of operations with regard to reclamation activities; **Pages H6515–16**

Perry amendment (No. 59 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prohibits the EPA from using funds to give formal notification under, or prepare, propose, implement, administer, or enforce any rule or recommendation pursuant to section 115 of the Clean Air Act; **Pages H6516–17**

Posey amendment (No. 64 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that no funds will be made available in contravention of Federal Acquisition Regulation 6.101(a) with respect to aviation helmets; **Page H6521**

Denham amendment (No. 65 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prevents federal funds from being used to implement the State of California's Bay-Delta Plan; **Pages H6521–23**

Abraham amendment (No. 66 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prevents the enforcement of limitations or prohibitions on the use of genetically modified crops in commercial agricultural operations conducted on National Wildlife Refuges; **Page H6523**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 67 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prohibits the use of funds to eliminate or restrict programs aimed at reforestation of urban areas; **Pages H6523–25**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 68 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prohibits funds to be used to limit outreach programs administered by the Smithsonian Institution; **Pages H6525–28**

Larson (CT) amendment (No. 71 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that provides funding within the Department of the Treasury, Departmental Office (\$100,000 from the proposed \$208,751,000) towards a study, led by Treasury with the participation of relevant regulators, to examine the financial impact of the mineral pyrrhotite in concrete home foundations; the study should provide recommendations on regulatory and legislative actions needed to help

mitigate impact on banks, mortgage lenders, tax revenues, and homeowners; **Pages H6530–31**

Young (AK) amendment (No. 72 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funding for the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund Account by \$2 million and allocates the increase to the Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Program; offsets the increase by decreasing funding for GSA rental space by \$2 million; **Page H6531**

Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) amendment (No. 73 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funding for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) by \$5 million; decreases the General Services Administration Federal Buildings Fund by 15 million; **Pages H6531–32**

Palazzo amendment (No. 74 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that designates a \$25 million increase to CDFI programs; **Page H6532**

Soto amendment (No. 75 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funding for Tax Counseling for the Elderly by \$1 million; **Pages H6532–33**

Soto amendment (No. 76 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funding for the IRS's identify theft and refund fraud casework program by \$500,000; **Page H6533**

Kustoff (TN) amendment (No. 78 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that increases funding to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program by \$5 million and reduces the General Services Administration's rental of space allocation by \$5 million; **Page H6534**

Murphy amendment (No. 79 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that reduces funding for Small Business Administration, Entrepreneurial Development Programs by \$1 million, and increases it by the same amount, with 1,600,000 of the increase intended for the Women's Business Centers program and \$400,000 intended for Veterans Outreach programs; **Pages H6534–35**

Polis amendment (No. 80 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that provides funding for the SBA to do technical assistance, training and education about the 7(a)(15) employee-ownership loan guarantee program; **Page H6535**

Zeldin amendment (No. 82 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prohibits funds from being used by the GSA to market or sell Plum Island, NY; **Pages H6536–37**

Mullin amendment (No. 43 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prohibits the use of funds for enforcing the Obama Administration's EPA Methane Rule (by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 346); **Pages H6502–03, H6543**

Mullin amendment (No. 44 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prohibits funds from implementing

the Social Cost of Carbon rule (by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 347);

Pages H6503–04, H6543–44

McMorris Rodgers amendment (No. 46 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that limits funding for the implementation of Washington State’s revised water quality standard (by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 348);

Pages H6505–06, H6544–45

Lamborn amendment (No. 48 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce the threatened species listing of the Preble’s meadow jumping mouse under the Endangered Species Act (by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 349);

Pages H6507–08, H6545

Lamborn amendment (No. 49 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce the threatened species or endangered species listing of any plant or wildlife that has not undergone a review as required by section 4(c)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 350);

Pages H6508–09, H6545–46

Goodlatte amendment (No. 50 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prohibits the Environmental Protection Agency from using any funds to take retaliatory, or EPA described “backstop” actions, against any of the six states in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in the event that a state does not meet the goals mandated by the EPA’s Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 351);

Pages H6509–10, H6546–47

Pearce amendment (No. 62 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prevents funds from being used to carry out any rule-making on the status of the Lesser Prairie Chicken (by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 354);

Pages H6518–19, H6548–49

Smith (MO) amendment (No. 70 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prevents the payment of attorney’s fees as part of any settlement the Federal Government enters into under the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act (by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 357);

Pages H6529–30, H6550–51

Palmer amendment (No. 83 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prohibits funds from being used to carry out the District of Columbia’s Health Insurance Requirement Amendment Act of 2018 (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 359);

Pages H6537–38, H6551–52

Meadows amendment (No. 84 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prohibits Federal Funds from being used by the Office of Personnel Management to administer the Multi-State Plan program (by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 360); and

Pages H6538–39, H6552

Rothfus amendment (No. 85 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that prohibits the funds from being used to seize property as a means of enforcing the liability provisions of the District of Columbia individual mandate (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 361).

Pages H6539, H6552–53

Rejected:

Biggs amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that was debated on July 17th that sought to transfer funds from the BLM Land acquisition account to the NPS Parks Maintenance Backlog (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 237 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 341);

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Grijalva amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that was debated on July 17th that sought to increase the budget for the Department of the Interior Inspector General’s Office by \$2.5 million (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 342);

Pages H6498–99

Adams amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that was debated on July 17th that sought to decrease and then increase the EPA Environmental Programs and Management account fund by \$742,000; this increase is to emphasize the need for greater funding for the Environmental Justice program area within the account (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 344);

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Grothman amendment (No. 39 printed in H. Rept. 115–830), as modified, that was debated on July 17th that sought to reduce funding for the National Endowment on the Arts and the Humanities by 15 percent (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 297 noes, Roll No. 345);

Pages H6500–01

Carbajal amendment (No. 77 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that sought to strike Section 125, which prevents the IRS from issuing guidance to more clearly define political activity for 501(c)(4) organizations;

Pages H6533–34

Gallego amendment (No. 51 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that sought to ensure none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to issue grazing permits or leases in contravention of BLM regulations (by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 352);

Pages H6510–11, H6547

Pearce amendment (No. 60 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that sought to prevent funds from being used to treat the New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse as an endangered species (by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 353);

Pages H6517–18, H6547–48

Gosar amendment (No. 63 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that sought to support recreational shooting, K–12 education and responsible energy development by prohibiting funds for the Ironwood Forest National Monument that was unilaterally designated

under the Antiquities Act (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 355);

Pages H6519–21, H6549

Jody B. Hice (GA) amendment (No. 69 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that sought to state that no funds should be made available for Environmental Justice Small Grants issued by the Office of Environmental Justice (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 356);

Pages H6528–29, H6549–50

Carbajal amendment (No. 81 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that sought to strike Section 628 which prohibits the SEC from promulgating a political spending disclosure rule (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 358); and

Pages H6535–36, H6551

McHenry amendment (No. 87 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that sought to prohibit any taxpayer funds from going to support the Post Service's efforts to (1) expand or enhance financial services products, or (2) carry out any pilot programs or task forces pursuant to that end (by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 362).

Pages H6540–42, H6553–54

Withdrawn:

Emmer amendment (No. 55 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funding from being used to implement a January 13, 2017 effort by the U.S. Department of Interior and Agriculture to restrict all leasing, exploration, and potential development of approximately 234,328 acres of federal land in Northeast Minnesota;

Pages H6512–14

Grothman amendment (No. 56 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds made available by this Act to be used to implement or enforce the EPA's ground level ozone rule; and

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Connolly amendment (No. 57 printed in H. Rept. 115–830) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to change or modify the 2015 federal coal ash rule (80 Fed. Reg. 21301).

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H. Res. 996, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6147) was agreed to yesterday, July 17th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 19th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and appears on page H6477.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and twenty-three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages

H6494–95, H6495, H6495–96, H6496–97, H6497, H6498, H6498–99, H6499–H6500, H6500, H6500–01, H6543, H6544, H6544–45, H6545, H6545–46, H6546–47, H6547, H6547–48, H6548–49, H6549, H6549–50, H6550–51, H6551, H6551–52, H6552, H6553, H6553–54. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CRYPTOCURRENCIES: OVERSIGHT OF NEW ASSETS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Cryptocurrencies: Oversight of New Assets in the Digital Age". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POWERING AMERICA: THE ROLE OF ENERGY STORAGE IN THE NATION'S ELECTRICITY SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee Energy held a hearing entitled "Powering America: The Role of Energy Storage in the Nation's Electricity System". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Trade Commission". Testimony was heard from the following Federal Trade Commission officials: Joseph Simons, Chairman; Maureen Ohlhausen, Commissioner; Noah Phillips, Commissioner; Rohit Chopra, Commissioner; and Rebecca Slaughter, Commissioner.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6351, the "Advancing U.S. Civil Nuclear Competitiveness and Jobs Act"; and H.R. 6378, the "Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2018". H.R. 6378 and H.R. 6351 were ordered reported, as amended.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy". Testimony was heard from Jerome H. Powell, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

THE FUTURE OF MONEY: DIGITAL CURRENCY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Future of Money: Digital Currency”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CENTRAL ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “Current Developments in Central Asia”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5171, the “Ski Area Fee Retention Act”; H.R. 5347, the “Lyon County Economic Development and Environmental Remediation Act”; H.R. 5532, the “Reconstruction Era National Historical Park Act”; H.R. 5556, the “Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act of 2018”; H.R. 5923, the “Walnut Grove Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 5979, the “Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument Act”; H.R. 6038, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota; H.R. 6039, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes; H.R. 6040, the “Contra Costa Canal Transfer Act”; and H.R. 6146, the “Cottonwood Land Exchange Act of 2018”. H.R. 5171 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 5347, H.R. 5532, H.R. 5556, H.R. 5923, H.R. 5979, H.R. 6038, H.R. 6039, H.R. 6040, and H.R. 6146 were ordered reported, as amended.

REGULATORY DIVERGENCE: FAILURE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE STATE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Divergence: Failure of the Administrative State”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6398, the “Department of Energy Veterans’ Health Initiative Act”. H.R. 6398 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6348, the “Small Business Access to Capital and Efficiency Act”; H.R. 6347, the “7(a) Real Estate Harmonization Act”; H.R. 6330, the

“Small Business Runway Extension Act of 2018”; H.R. 6369, the “Expanding Contracting Opportunities for Small Businesses Act of 2018”; H.R. 6367, “Incentivizing Fairness in Subcontracting Act of 2018”; H.R. 6382, the “Clarity on Small Business Participation in Category Management Act of 2018”; H.R. 6316, the “Small Business Advocacy Improvements Act of 2018”; and H.R. 6368, the “Encouraging Small Business Innovators Act”. H.R. 6348, H.R. 6347, H.R. 6330, H.R. 6316, and H.R. 6368 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 6369, H.R. 6367, and H.R. 6382 were ordered reported, as amended.

ARE WE READY? RECOVERING FROM 2017 DISASTERS AND PREPARING FOR THE 2018 HURRICANE SEASON

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Are We Ready? Recovering from 2017 Disasters and Preparing for the 2018 Hurricane Season”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Byard, Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Charles “Ray” Alexander, Director of Contingency Operations and Chief of the Office of Homeland Security, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses.

AN UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOREVER GI BILL: IS VA READY FOR AUGUST 1ST?

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “An Update on the Implementation of the Forever GI Bill: Is VA Ready for August 1st?”. Testimony was heard from Major General Robert M. Worley II, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), Director, Education Service, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3309, the “Social Security Online Tools Innovation Act”; and H.R. 6377, the “Save Community Newspaper Act of 2018”. H.R. 3309 and H.R. 6377 were ordered reported, as amended.

THE EFFECTS OF TARIFFS ON U.S. AGRICULTURE AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “The Effects of Tariffs on U.S. Agriculture and Rural Communities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

STATE OF TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the state of transatlantic relations, after receiving testimony from Nathalie Griesbeck, Special Committee on Terrorism, Claude Moraes, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice, and Home Affairs, and Michael Boni, each a Member of the European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kathleen Laura Kraninger, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Administration reorganization and modernization proposals related to the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Bridget Neumayr, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and John Fleming, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Charles P. Rettig, of California, to be

Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, and Andrew F. Maunz, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Carmen Guericagoitia McLean, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Britt Cagle Grant, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, David James Porter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., of South Carolina, and Julius Ness Richardson, of South Carolina, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Roy Kalman Altman, and Rodolfo Armando Ruiz II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, markup on FY 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, 9:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "21st Century Cures Implementation: Examining Mental Health Initiatives", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled "China's Threat to American Government and Private Sector Research and Innovation Leadership", 8:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, July 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, July 19

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 6147—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019. Complete consideration of H. Con. Res. 119—Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy.

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